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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE)**

**[Docket ID No. BSEE-2012-0006; OMB Number 1014-0008]**

**Information Collection Activities: Well Control and Production Safety Training,  
Submitted for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Comment  
Request**

**ACTION:** 60-day Notice.

**SUMMARY:** To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), BSEE is inviting comments on a collection of information that we will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The information collection request (ICR) concerns an extension to the paperwork requirements in the regulations under Subpart O, “Well Control and Production Safety Training.”

**DATE:** You must submit comments by [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by either of the following methods listed below.

- Electronically: go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. In the entry titled, “Enter Keyword or ID,” enter BSEE-2012-0006 then click search. Follow the instructions to submit public comments and view all related materials. We will post all comments.
- Email [nicole.mason@bsee.gov](mailto:nicole.mason@bsee.gov). Mail or hand-carry comments to the Department of the Interior; Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement; Regulations and Development Branch; Attention: Nicole Mason; 381 Elden Street, HE3313; Herndon,

Virginia 20170-4817. Please reference ICR 1014-0008 in your comment and include your name and return address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nicole Mason, Regulations and Development Branch, (703) 787-1605, to request additional information about this ICR.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Title:** 30 CFR Part 250, Subpart O, Well Control and Production Safety Training.

**OMB Control Number:** 1014-0008.

**Abstract:** The Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Lands Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.* and 43 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*), authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to prescribe rules and regulations necessary for the administration of the leasing provisions of the Act related to mineral resources on the OCS. Such rules and regulations will apply to all operations conducted under a lease. Operations on the OCS must preserve, protect, and develop oil and natural gas resources in a manner that is consistent with the need to make such resources available to meet the Nation's energy needs as rapidly as possible; to balance orderly energy resource development with protection of human, marine, and coastal environments; to ensure the public a fair and equitable return on the resources of the OCS; and to preserve and maintain free enterprise competition.

Section 1332(6) of the OCS Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1332) requires that "operations in the [O]uter Continental Shelf should be conducted in a safe manner by well trained personnel using technology, precautions, and other techniques sufficient to prevent or minimize the likelihood of blowouts, loss of well control, fires, spillages, physical obstructions to other users of the waters or subsoil and seabed, or other occurrences which may cause damage to the environment or to property or endanger life or health."

This authority and responsibility are among those delegated to BSEE. To carry out these responsibilities, BSEE issues regulations governing oil and gas or sulphur operations in the OCS.

Regulations at 30 CFR part 250, Subpart O, implement these safe operation requirements. BSEE uses the information collected under subpart O to ensure that workers in the OCS are properly trained with the necessary skills to perform their jobs in a safe and pollution-free manner. In some instances, BSEE will conduct oral interviews of offshore employees to evaluate the effectiveness of a company's training program. The information collected is necessary to verify personnel training compliance with the requirements.

BSEE will protect information from respondents considered proprietary under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and its implementing regulations (43 CFR part 2) and under regulations at 30 CFR parts 250, 251, and 252. No items of a sensitive nature are collected. Responses are mandatory or are required to obtain or retain a benefit.

**Frequency:** Primarily on occasion or annual.

**Description of Respondents:** Potential respondents comprise Federal oil, gas, or sulphur OCS lessees and/or operators.

**Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:** The currently approved annual reporting burden for this collection is 1,144 hours. The following chart details the individual components and respective hour burden estimates of this ICR. In calculating the burdens, we assumed that respondents perform certain requirements in the normal

course of their activities. We consider these to be usual and customary and took that into account in estimating the burden.

<b>Citation 30 CFR 250 Subpart O</b>	<b>Reporting &amp; Recordkeeping Requirement</b>	<b>Hour Burden</b>
1503(a)	Develop training plans. Note: Existing lessees/ respondents already have training plans developed. This number reflects development of plans for any new lessees.	70
1503(c)	Maintain copies of training plan and employee training documentation/record for 5 years.	1 1/2 hr. (plan) 2 hrs. for records
1503(d)	Upon request, provide BSEE copies of employee training documentation or provide copy of training plan.	5
1507(b)	Employee oral interview conducted by BSEE.	1/2 hr.
1507(c), (d); 1508; 1509	Written testing conducted by BSEE or authorized representative. Not considered information collection under 5 CFR 1320.3(h)(7).	0
1510(b)	Revise training plan and submit to BSEE.	12
1500-1510	General departure or alternative compliance requests not specifically covered elsewhere in subpart O.	3

**Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Non-Hour Cost Burden:** We have identified no non-hour cost burdens for this collection.

**Public Disclosure Statement:** The PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, et seq.) provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Until OMB approves a collection of information, you are not obligated to respond.

**Comments:** Before submitting an ICR to OMB, PRA section 3506(c)(2)(A) requires each agency “. . . to provide notice . . . and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning each proposed collection of information . . .”.

Agencies must specifically solicit comments to: (a) evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the agency to perform its duties, including whether the information is useful; (b) evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) enhance the quality, usefulness,

and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) minimize the burden on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Agencies must also estimate the non-hour paperwork cost burdens to respondents or recordkeepers resulting from the collection of information. Therefore, if you have other than hour burden costs to generate, maintain, and disclose this information, you should comment and provide your total capital and startup cost components or annual operation, maintenance, and purchase of service components. For further information on this burden, refer to 5 CFR 1320.3(b)(1) and (2), or contact the Bureau representative listed previously in this notice.

We will summarize written responses to this notice and address them in our submission for OMB approval. As a result of your comments, we will make any necessary adjustments to the burden in our submission to OMB.

**Public Comment Procedures:** Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Acting BSEE Information Collection Clearance Officer:** Cheryl Blundon, (703) 787-1607.

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Dated.

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